

SEEK TO SAVE

SEA MAMMALS

Friends Of Ocean Giants Ask U. S. To Take Hand.

San Francisco, Nov. 7.—Fifty years ago a "hine-juicer" as the big square-rigged sailing vessel of that time was called, would have to shorten sail and steer a careful course along the South Pacific coast at certain seasons if it wanted to avoid destructive collisions with the California grayback whale. And if the skipper trained his glass along the coast line, he probably would see every exposed rock or seaward shoal black with elephant and fur seals. Closer in he would note great tortoises and sea turtles, while above would wheel the Hermann gull.

Such an orgy of destruction has been loosed on these sea creatures, some of them termed by scientists to be the biggest animals in the world in the last half century, that there is a campaign on today to have the State Department negotiate treaties with all countries bordering on the Pacific to prevent their absolute extermination.

Sea Cow Joins Dodo.

One of the great mammals, Steller's sea cow, already has joined the Great Auk, the Dodo and other storied creatures of a dead age. In 1741, when the exploring ship of Capt. Vitus Bering was wrecked on the island that bears his name, the great, sluggish sea cows were found floundering about by Dr. George William Steller, doctor of the expedition. Large herds later were seen feeding on the kelp and seaweed around the nearby Commander Islands, and it soon was found that their meat made an excellent human food.

When the news of the discovery of Bering Island was made known to the world several expeditions were fitted out to hunt the sea cow. How well they succeeded is attested in the fact that by 1754, only thirteen years after its discovery, this great animal, twenty to thirty feet long and weighing three or four tons when fully grown, disappeared from the ocean. Moved by the nearness of a similar fate for the walrus, the elephant seal, the sea otter and the southern whales, the committee on conservation of marine life of the Pacific, a part of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, has started the campaign to have the State Department act.

One hundred years ago, the committee points out, a species of fur seal had extensive breeding rookeries on the Farallon Islands and other islands on the coast line of California and Mexico. More than 200,000 of these seal were killed in the short period between 1808 and 1811 on the Farallons alone, while thousands of others were added to the slaughter on the channel islands to the southward. This campaign virtually exterminated this species of seal.

Whales Eat Sardines

Further objections to the wholesale extermination of whales have been raised by the sardine fishermen of Monterey Bay, Cal., who claim that the whales herd the sardines inshore. Recently the examination of the stomach of a humpback whale brought into the Moss landing whaling station in Monterey Bay yielded from 1,500 to 3,000 pounds of sardines. In the stomach of a sperm whale was found a ten-foot shark.

Due to the failure of the United States and Great Britain to include Japan in the treaty of 1892 forbidding the killing of seals in the open sea, the Alaska fur seal herd was decreased by nearly 300,000 from 1897 to 1911, according to scientific data. A new fur seal treaty was negotiated in 1911, the participating countries being the United States, Great Britain, Russia and Japan. Since the time that treaty was made the herd has increased by nearly 400,000. So great has the increase been that there is a suspicion that pelagic or ocean sealing is again going on against the strict ruling of the guardian nations. It is pointed out that any nation not signatory to the treaty may engage in this sort of sealing among the Alaska herd, and exterminate it in time if new treaties are not drawn up.

Under the treaty of 1911 the Indians of California, Oregon, Washington, British Columbia and aborigines of Japan and Russia are permitted to hunt along the coast lines and in the ocean and it is proposed to regulate this also.

TRIALS OF 48 AT HERRIN TO BEGIN TODAY

Marion, Ill., Nov. 7.—Trials of the forty-eight men charged with murder

in connection with the Herrin mine killings which occurred around the Lester Strip mine June 21 and 22 last, are scheduled to start here tomorrow before Judge D. T. Hartwell. The forty-eight will be arraigned for the death of Howard Hoffman, said to be the first employee of the Southern Illinois Coal Company who was shot after the surrender of the mine employees.

When the forty-eight defendants are brought into court tomorrow, it has been announced, the indictments against many will be nolle prosequi, thus reducing the number to be tried for Hoffman's death to probably six.

Selection of the jury probably will not start for several days. A venire of 130 has been summoned. Attorneys believe the selection will require at least two weeks.

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RADIO TO FURTHER MISSIONARY WORK

Chicago, Nov. 7.—Radio phones and airplanes as aids in carrying on missionary work in virtually inaccessible parts of China will be used by missionaries of the Methodist Episcopal Church, announces the committee on conservation and advance of that church.

This was decided upon at a meeting of missionaries in Tzechow, West China. Plans were announced by the Rev. James Maxon Yard, new executive secretary of the Centenary in America by the Rev. Paul Hutchinson, editor of the Chinese Advocate.

The delegates at the missionary meeting could see the mountains of Tibet. It is several weeks' journey from Shanghai and there are no railroads in that region. The Tzechow territory lies in the heart of China's wealthiest province, Szechuen, with 60,000,000 inhabitants.

Because of the lack of transportation facilities and inaccessibility of some sections, missionaries have been unable previously to reach many of these localities. Mountainous sections and river wastes have hindered progress in many directions.

The missionaries, planning work for the next ten years, voted for four sets of wireless telephones with which to link up the widely separated main stations, and four two-passenger airplanes with which to reach hitherto inaccessible sections.

TEXAS RETURNS LIGHT DESPITE KU KLUX KLAN

Dallas, Tex., Nov. 7.—Scattered reports on the balloting in Texas today indicated a light vote, estimated by some at about fifty per cent of the total possible vote.

What interest there was centered in the contest between Earle B. Mayfield, Democrat, and George E. B. Peddy, Independent Democrat, with Republican support, for the United States Senate, and the congressional races in the Ninth and Fourteenth districts. Politicians declared that the Democrats would be elected for all offices with the possible exception of United States Senate, and for Congress in the Ninth and Fourteenth districts.

By all-night work many counties were able to give the voters ballots with the name of Earle B. Mayfield printed in. Peddy's name did not appear on the ballots, those voting for him having to write it. Mayfield's supporters had to do the same in some counties where ballots without his name were distributed.

Mayfield is said to have been the choice of the Ku Klux Klan for the Senate, while Peddy was openly the anti-Ku Klux Klan candidate.

Returning from the funeral, Widow Smith, in tears, to her sympathetic neighbor, Mrs. Brown: "My pore, pore old Bill, he were a very good 'usbin' to me."

Mrs. Brown—Yes, I knows he was. He was quite a pre-war 'usbin'!

Miss Young—Don't you think the word "ohay" should be omitted from the marriage service?

Miss Strongmind—Omitted? Certainly not? It should merely be transferred to the other party to the contract.—Boston Transcript.

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BEADS ODDLY STRUNG

(By I. D. Claire)

I am thankful for the coming of Thanksgiving as it will give me a day off with pay, but I feel sorry for poor Fluke. It will be his press day.

That mule-trading, pig-raising New Jersey widow would play the part of the star witness in the Hall-Mills murder mystery, only the authorities won't let her shine.

The Turkish General Assembly sitting at Angora has deposed the Sultan. The old Sultan ought to have known his parliament sitting at such a place would finally get his goat.

Buddy McPheg says if this here bootlegging business keeps on getting worse there will have to be something done about it.

A distinguished scientist has just announced the discovery that the Northern Hemisphere is growing warmer and dryer. He may have all the credit for the discovery of the increasing heat, but he is no pioneer in discovering the accumulating dryness.

You can never tell when the tide of ill luck may turn. Only three short years ago forty nations were clamoring for the life of the former Kaiser, and now the old bird has a quarter of a million dollars, the Allies have paid him for lying about the cause of the war in his history, and is the groom of the most charming widow in Europe. It is never too late to mend one's ways of fortune.

I should very much like to know what has become of the bearded baron of Tea Kettle Hollow, but after he gave me the slip while I was showing him the sights of this city a few weeks ago I swore with an oath that I would never name his name anymore, so I am too proud to ask about him.

I told the Madam the other day that so many women were falling in love with married men and then murdering them that she ought to make me safe by giving me a divorce. But she only commented that if the other women knew me as well as she did I would not be in the slightest danger.

The quickest way for the people to get somewhere is to build good roads.

Our colored brothers are always in luck. No sooner is the watermelon season over than ushers in the harvest of 'possums and sweet 'aters.

Theologians have borne with commendable patience a wide-spread skepticism of the scriptural fish story, but it seems they draw the line at doubting the bear story. A Methodist bishop out in Michigan has just deposed a preacher of his diocese because he had told his Bible Class he did not believe literally the biblical account of God sending two she bears to devour forty children who had made fun of Isaiah's bald head. Now I am not taking sides in this controversy, but I can imagine Fluke Sneakingly thinking that if the pestiferous kids poked fun at a man's bald head, be he prophet, peasant or pilgrim, they got what was justly coming to them.

She—You ought to give up smoking—it affects the heart.
He—By that reasoning, I ought to give you up too.—Judge.

WASHINGTON COMMENT

The Prince of Wales, heir to the English Throne, has been installed as Senior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of England. Were it only an estimable and pleasant young man who was thus honored, the matter would be of no special importance. But the heir to the British Throne is not permitted to follow his own will and bent as he pleases; he may never forget, in playing the man, that he is also Prince of the Realm.

It should be a sufficient answer to any of the detractors of the Order of Freemasonry that the President of this great Republic is a Freemason; that many of his predecessors have been Freemasons, and that the first President, Washington, was not only a Freemason, but devoted his time and attention to the order, and became Master of his lodge.

But for those whose admiration and veneration are given more to those who rule by hereditary right than those who win to power by their own abilities and the will of the majority, the fact that the future King of England becomes a Senior Grand Warden of the English Grand Lodge

of Freemasonry, should be all sufficient proof that the diatribes directed against Freemasonry by those who are its enemies and who know not whereof they speak, are but the emanations of minds untutored.

Freemasonry stands for patriotism, for law and order, for fear and love of God, without regard to church or creed, for charity, for toleration, for brotherly love and relief of distress, for education, for freedom; in other words, for the ideals of all enlightened and civilized nations. That the future ruler of a great country thus takes his place officially in the Grand Body of the order, obviously with the consent and encouragement of the rulers of Great Britain, should make those who slander the order for their own ends pause to wonder if the Masonic virtues of silence and circumspection are not ones which they had better cultivate.

Statistics published by the health service of the American Red Cross show that deaths among children of school age due to accidents are proportionately much larger than among

either young children or older persons. Out of each 1,000 deaths of children between the ages of five and nine, 167 are due to accidents; of children between ten and fourteen, 177 are due to accidents. In proportion deaths due to accident among children under five years of age and among adults are quite small.

No parents need to be told that the most valuable possessions they have are their children. But it appears that there is great need for some power to instill into the minds of civil authority the conviction that the most valuable asset the state possesses is its children.

Accidents do not "happen." There is a cause for every accident. Particularly in this time of traffic accidents, which are assuming alarming proportions in the larger centers. Of what use is it to the municipality or the state to spend large sums in educating a child to grow up to be a good citizen if it permits him to be killed by an automobile before he becomes an economic factor in the community life?

Cities and traffic bureaus search

madly for remedies for traffic accidents; "safety weeks" are proposed, debated, held; new and more drastic traffic rules are formulated, and more or less enforced; more severe penalties are inflicted by judges for driving recklessly, but the accidents continue.

It would seem that the engineering brains which built a Panama Canal, took two million men to Europe in the face of submarines, and built and perfected the largest railroad and telephone systems in the world, might solve this problem, too. But while the remedy is left in the hands of policemen to formulate, no matter how interested or willing, or while the answer to the problem is given into the hands of aldermen, mayors, and leading citizens, no matter how well-meaning, we will still continue to kill our children.

Traffic accidents to the young is a subject of national concern, state concern, city and town concern, of such gravity and magnitude that their prevention deserves the consideration of the very best minds in the country.



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